



City of Champions *Linda M. Balzotti- Mayor*

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Brockton Youth Council sponsors Halloween drive *Group to collect costumes, decorations through Oct. 22*

BROCKTON – Mayor Linda M. Balzotti announces a new way for residents of all ages to give back to Brockton's youth.

The Brockton Youth Council is asking city residents to get into the Halloween spirit by donating gently used or unused costumes and decorations to be distributed to the city's needy youth and families.

The idea for the costume and decoration drive came from the Youth Council, which takes on a different community service project each month in the City.

"This is a creative way to make Halloween a fun time for families," said Mayor Linda M. Balzotti. "Kids outgrow costumes each year, which can make Halloween costly for a large number of families. This drive will help families make use of their gently used costumes, and make the holiday enjoyable, not a financial burden."

Items needed include: costumes for children and young adults; unused make-up; costume accessories; candy bowls; household decorations; candy bags; small pumpkins; paint; and candy bags.

Balzotti also applauded locations and agencies across the city for participating in the drive as collection sites.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations now through Friday, Oct. 22: Brockton Public Schools (please check with your building principal to see if your school is participating); the basement of Brockton City Hall, 45 School St.; the Brockton Teen Center, 891 Montello St.; the Boys and Girls Club of Brockton, 233 Warren Ave.; Father Bill's and Mainspring, 54 North Main St.; the Family Life Center, 40 Father Kenney Way; and the Mary Cruise Kennedy Senior Center, 10 Father Kenney Way.

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The collecting sites will handle the distribution of items.

All donations must be dropped off by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22.

For more information about the Brockton Youth Council Costume Drive, or to become a collection site, contact the Massachusetts Promise Fellow Patricia Godio at **(508) 580-7123**.

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